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SUBJECT: UNIDO REQUEST FOR THREE ASG POSTS

REF: A. VIENNA 8939; B. VIENNA 8403; C. VIENNA 7022

1. FOLLOWING COMMENTS MAY BE USEFUL IN DETERMINING
POSITION TO BE TAKEN ON UNIDO REQUEST FOR THREE ASG POSTS.

2. ONE VIEW BEING EXPRESSED HERE BY A NUMBER OF MISSIONS
IS THAT, SINCE PROCESS OF CONVERSION OF UNIDO INTO A
SPECIALIZED AGENCY HAS BEGUN, QUESTION OF TOP
LEVEL SECRETARIAT STRUCTURE OF UNIDO SHOULD BE DEALT WITH
AND DECIDED IN CONNECTION WITH DRAFTING OF ITS STATUTES
AND THAT DECISION NOW TO ESTABLISH THREE ASG POSTS WOULD
PREJUDICE CONSIDERATION OF THIS QUESTION IN THE APPROPRIATE
CONTEXT.

3. IN THIS CONNECTION, ONE OF KHANE'S ARGUMENTS-THAT
VARIOUS SPECIALIZED AGENCIES HAVE DDG POSTS AND
UNIDO SHOULD BE SIMILARLY EQUIPPED-WOULD APPEAR TO BE
MORE RELEVANT TO TIME WHEN UNIDO IS ESTABLISHED
AS A SPECIALIZED AGENCY.

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4. ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE QUESTION WHETHER THE

EFFECTIVE FUNCTIONING OF UNIDO NOW REQUIRES THREE
ASG DEPUTY POSTS, AND ASSUMING DISTRIBUTION INDICATED BY
KHANE IN REF A, A CASE COULD BE MADE FOR A POST
AT THIS LEVEL TO HEAD UP THE VERY LARGE INDUSTRIAL
OPERATIONS DIVISION. WE THINK THE CASE IS LESS PER-
SUASIVE AS REGARDS THE CENTER FOR INDUSTRIAL STUDIES.
FINALLY, THE USEFULNESS OF A THIRD ASG DEPUTY IN THE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S IMMEDIATE OFFICE WOULD APPEAR TO
TURN IN LARGE PART ON THE EXTENT TO WHICH KHANE PREPARED
TO DELEGATE TO HIM RESPONSIBILITY FOR OVERSEEING THE
OPERATIONS OF THE POLICY COORDINATION (AFIFI) AND EXTERNAL
RELATIONS DIVISIONS (SYLLA) INTO WHICH, AS REPORTED,
THE E.D.'S OFFICE IS TO BE DIVIDED. WE SEE NO REAL
JUSTIFICATION FOR LIFTING THE D-2 DIRECTOR
OF ADMINISTRATION POST TO ASG LEVEL FOR REASONS
REFERRED TO IN PARA 6, REF B.

5. ON THE BUDGETARY SIDE, KHANE APPEARS AT FIRST
GLANCE TO HAVE MADE THE PROBLEM EASIER FOR MEMBER
STATES BY SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCING THE NUMBER OF
ADDITIONAL POSTS NOW BEING REQUESTED (13) AS COMPARED
WITH THE ADDITIONAL ESTABLISHED POSTS ENVISAGED IN
ID/B/154 AND ADDENDUM (66). VIEW AMONG MANY MISSIONS
HERE IS THAT THIS CUTBACK WILL WIN KHANE
WIDESPREAD KUDOS IN FIFTH COMMITTEE. QUESTION
OF WHETHER UNIDO WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE AN INCREASING
VOLUME OF OPERATIONAL ACTIVITY PLUS FOLLOW UP OF
VARIOUS ASPECTS OF UNIDO-II WITH THIS CUTBACK IN
STAFF SIZE, PARTICULARLY ON THE GS SIDE WHERE THE
GREATEST SQUEEZE IS TO TAKE PLACE, REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

6. SOME INSIGHT INTO KHANE'S THINKING BEHIND THE
PROPOSAL FOR THREE DEPUTY POSTS IS PERHAPS AFFORDED
BY REMARK HE MADE DURING CONVERSATION REPORTED REF A
THAT, SINCE ACABQ HAD REJECTED PREVIOUS PROPOSAL BY
SYG TO ESTABLISH ONE DEPUTY POST IN UNIDO BECAUSE OF
OPPOSITION FROM THE SOVIET UNION TO A SINGLE DEPUTY
WHO MIGHT BE EXPECTED TO BE SELECTED FROM GROUP B,
PERHAPS A REQUEST FOR THREE POSTS WHICH COULD BE
DISTRIBUTED AMONG THE VARIOUS GEOGRAPHIC GROUPS WOULD
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GET OVER THIS OBSTACLE. IN THIS CONNECTION, KHANE'S
NOTION THAT ONE OF THE ASG POSTS MIGHT GO TO THE PRC
SEEMS SOMEWHAT CURIOUS SINCE THERE HAVE BEEN TO DATE
NO INDICATIONS OF INTEREST BY PRC TO SUPPLY CANDIDATES
FOR UNIDO POSTS AT PROFESSIONAL LEVELS IN
SUBSTANTIVE AREAS.

7. AMONG OUR LOCAL GROUP B COLLEAGUES, RECENT CHECK INDICATES UK

POSITION IS THAT KHANE HAS AS YET NOT PROVIDED GOVERNMENTS WITH ADEQUATE EXPLANATION OF NEED FOR AND FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY THREE ASG'S AND THEY REMAIN OPPOSED TO THE PROPOSAL (REF C, PARA 3). LOCAL FRENCH VIEW LIKEWISE APPEARS TO BE STRONGLY OPPOSED TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE THREE ASG POSTS. (THIS ATTITUDE MAY REFLECT FRENCH DISSATISFACTION WITH TREATMENT OF LE GUAY IN UNIJ REORGANIZATION. ALTHOUGH LE GUAY DID MOST OF THE WORK IN DEVELOPING THE SECRETARIAT'S ARGUMENTATION AND PROPOSALS FOR AN INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM OF CONSULTATIONS ON WORLD STRUCTURE OF INDUSTRY FOR THE LIMA CONFERENCE, RESPONSIBILITY FOR FOLLOW UP OF THIS ACTIVITY HAS BEEN TAKEN OVER BY AFIFI AND LE GUAY HAS BEEN TOLD THAT HIS CONTRACT WILL NOT BE EXTENDED BEYOND JUNE 1976). FRG FEELS THAT ONLY ONE ASG POST IS JUSTIFIED. ITALIAN VIEW IS THAT THREE ASG'S WOULD BE OUT OF PROPORTION TO THE SIZE AND IMPORTANCE OF UNIDO OPERATIONS.

8. WE ASSUME THAT, AS WAS CASE WHEN SYG REQUESTED ONE ASG POST FOR UNIDO, IMPORTANT CONSIDERATION AGAINST GRANTING UNIDO THREE POSTS IS POSSIBLE PRESSURE FOR SIMILAR ESTABLISHMENT OF ASG POSTS ELSEWHERE IN UN. ON THE OTHER HAND, ALTHOUGH WE FEEL THERE IS A CASE FOR ONE DEPUTY, ESTABLISHMENT OF ONLY ONE ASG POST MAY FACE KHANE WITH SUCH DIFFICULT POLITICAL PROBLEM WHEN IT COMES TO MAKING THE APPOINTMENT TO THE POST THAT HE MIGHT WELL IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES PREFER TO HAVE NO DEPUTY AND CONTINUE TO HAVE D-2'S AS HIS SECONDS. STIBRAVY

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